



U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center Army Educational Outreach Programs **CAPSULES**



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Hodges Accepts Advisory Board Post

Mr. Phil Hodges has been invited by the Dean of the School of Engineering and Technology at Alabama A&M University to serve on the school's Industry Advisory Board. Dr. Ray Watson, of RCW Associates, was elected chairman of the Board on 08 February, when members met to organize. Michael Hawthorne, a 2001 EE graduate of IBM, was elected vice chairman. Others joining the board included Claudinette Purifoy (Corp of Engineers and CE alumnus), Dan Olberding (Boeing), Don Millitello (Rycodr Technology), Ken Maguire (Northrop Grumman), Rick Toliver (Teledyne Solutions), and Roger Barnes (First Financial Group). AAMU Alumnus Eugene Edwards of AMRDEC represented the Mechanical Engineering Advisory Council on the Board. The Board will meet quarterly.

AMRDEC Supports 34th NSBE

U S Army Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center (AMRDEC) was well represented at the National Society of Black Engineers

(NSBE) 34th Annual National Convention held March 19-23, 2008, at the Orlando Convention Center in Orlando, FL. Representing AMRDEC at the Career Fair were

Fred Banks, Roger Berry, Kim Battle, Joshua Clemons and Georgia S. Valrie. During the two-day Career Fair, the team was engaged with academically

talented and socially stimulating students and collected more than 200 resumes from students who are interested in employment opportunities at AMRDEC.

AEOP Survey & VTC Announced

Ms. Katie E. Everett, Marketing Specialist - U.S. ARMY RDECOM Corporate Communications Office, has asked all RDECOM personnel who have participated in

FY08 recruitment events to complete a survey aimed at improving processes for future events. Survey comments will be combined into a single "After Action Re-

port". This report will be discussed during the After Action Review via VTC in preparation for FY09. All completed surveys must be returned to Katie Everett at

Katie.everett@us.army.mil NLT Tuesday 08 Apr 08. Additionally, a Diversity Recruiting "After Action VTC" is scheduled for Tuesday 15 Apr 08 from 1500-1630.

GEMS Applications Being Accepted

AMRDEC's Gains in the Education of Mathematics and Science (GEMS) program has been announced for 2008.

GEMS is a summer program for students in 8th to 12th grades who will spend one week, typically in June or July, developing critical thought processes and conducting experiments illustrating basic scientific principles.

The goal of GEMS is to broaden the interest in science, engineering and mathematics.

GEMS is led by a certified high school teacher

and three college students, who are referred

to as "Near-Peer Mentors." Although the curricula may change from year-to-year, past modules have included robotics, rockets, optics, electronics, thermodynamics and aerodynamics. Interested students are encouraged to apply by the end of April via the AEOP web link at <http://www.usaeop.com/programs/GEMS/>. Local information can be referred to Dr. Steven P. D. Smith at steven.smith1@us.army.mil.

